

## CLIMATE ACTION INCENTIVE FUND

The Climate Action Incentive Fund (CAIF) program was launched in

May 2019. CAIF returns funds collected through federal carbon pricing to the jurisdictions from which they originated. In Manitoba, the injection of over \$5 million is assisting school boards to undertake projects to update ageing infrastructure, increase efficiencies, lessen schools' environmental footprint and improve the environment for teaching and learning. Details on the impact of the program in Manitoba, where it is administered by the Manitoba School Boards Association, can be found in Environment and Climate Change Canada's September 17 [news release](#).



## UPDATE: ELECTRONIC MEETINGS

Since the last issue of this e-bulletin was published, there have been further changes to requirements around the electronic meeting of school boards. These changes, which were communicated to board chairs in a September 10 memo, enable the transition to fully electronic meetings of the board, if and when the public health situation warrants. Specifically, the government has suspended:



- until March 16, 2021, the requirement that trustees physically attend a board meeting at least every three months; and
- for the duration of the 2020-21 school year, the requirement that the board chair, a trustee, the superintendent and the secretary-treasurer (or designates) be present in the board's meeting room during an electronic board meeting.

## SCHOOL LOCKDOWN HANDBOOK

The Manitoba School Boards Association Risk Management Department has recently produced a new resource for school divisions—[School Lockdown Handbook: A Reference Guide for Schools](#). This handbook is intended to help schools ensure their lockdown plans meet basic requirements, and also to ensure a degree of consistency among plans across the province.

The handbook includes:

- definitions of terms such as lockdown, hold and secure, and shelter in place;
- details of legislative requirements;
- information about planning processes;
- recommendations for controlling visitor access; and
- security strategies for school facilities.

## COLOUR US ORANGE

Just a reminder that September 30 is Orange Shirt Day. The movement officially began in 2013, but it draws its name from an event that took place 40 years earlier, in 1973. That year, a six-year old girl entering a residential school in Williams Lake, BC had her new orange shirt taken from her, to be replaced with the school's institutional uniform. Today, Orange Shirt Day is an opportunity to set the stage for anti-racism and anti-bullying policies for the coming school year. It is also an opportunity for First Nations, local governments, schools and communities to come together in the spirit of reconciliation and hope for generations of children to come.



## ONLINE LEARNING

Did you know that October is Learning Disabilities Awareness Month? To celebrate, the Learning Disabilities Association of Manitoba (LDAM) is hosting a virtual Learning Summit entitled *The Right to Learn, the Power to Achieve*. This free half-day event, which will run from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, October 17, will feature talks from experts in the fields of learning disabilities and ADHD. For more details or to register, visit the [LDAM website](#).

## O CANADA

While students and staff may not be joining in the singing of our national anthem at present, the start of each school day is still being marked by the playing of O Canada. If you are looking to introduce some musical variety to this patriotic exercise, why not check out the Sultans of String? This three-time JUNO Award-nominated and CFMA-winning group recorded several versions—English, bilingual, and instrumental—to celebrate the recent adoption of the anthem's gender-neutral lyrics. Individuals and schools are invited to listen, [download](#), and use the recordings royalty-free.



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